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	A1	10-312365	11-1998	Japan			Abstract
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<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b> <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>							
	A4	Hisao KAMEDA <i>et al.</i> , "Optimal Load Balancing in Distributed Computer Systems", Springer, pp. 225-233, 1997.					
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